

House Resolution 8 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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1 A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States
2 to grant additional authority to the Federal
3 Communications Commission to restrict unwanted
4 robocalls and call spoofing, and urging the Federal
5 Communications Commission to educate the public on
6 how to report unlawful telephone calls.

7 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission
8 receives numerous complaints from consumers related to
9 unwanted telephone calls, including complaints related
10 to robocalls, which are automated telemarketing or
11 solicitation telephone calls that deliver a recorded
12 message; and

13 WHEREAS, in recent years, robocalls have been placed
14 using a process called spoofing in which the telephone
15 call appears to originate from a local telephone number
16 in an effort to deceive consumers into answering the
17 telephone call; and

18 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Truth in Caller ID Act of
19 2009, it is unlawful for any person within the United
20 States, in connection with any telecommunications
21 service or IP-enabled voice service, to cause any
22 caller identification service to knowingly transmit
23 misleading or inaccurate information with the intent

1 to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything
2 of value; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission uses
4 social media and other means to reach consumers and
5 encourage them to file a complaint when an unlawful
6 telephone call is received; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
8 the House of Representatives urges the Congress of the
9 United States to grant additional authority to the
10 Federal Communications Commission to allow it to stop
11 unwanted robocalls and spoofing; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
13 Representatives urges the Federal Communications
14 Commission to take further action to educate the public
15 on how to report unlawful telephone calls; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
18 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives, each member of Iowa's
20 congressional delegation, and the chairperson and
21 commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission.